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1. ☐ The ^{PTO-1449} amendment filed on 29 December 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The prior art (US 5,466,748) teaches employing various additives at col. 12, lines 36-51 wherein metal salts are seen. However, said patent neither teach nor suggest transition metal salts and an amount thereof. The examiner believes pick and choosing would be needed, and thus the instant invention would not be obvious over said patent. The copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed.


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